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Memorandum

To:

Director

From:

National Leadership Council

Subject:

Management Policies 2006

We are pleased to recommend for your approval the 2006 edition of National Park Service Management Policies. This edition has received extensive review and comment from the Service's career employees, as well as from tens of thousands of citizens who care deeply about the national park system. The end product reflects the strongly-held belief that when there is a conflict between conserving resources and values and providing for enjoyment of them, conservation is to be predominant.

The 2006 Management Policies set a positive tone and make clear the National Park Service's desire for people to visit and enjoy their national parks. The document stresses the importance of providing visitors from all walks of life the opportunity for meaningful educational and recreational experiences—experiences that inspire and lead to visitor enjoyment and a greater sense of resource stewardship. The policies emphasize the importance of cooperative conservation and civic engagement in our decision making.

As members of the National Leadership Council, we share the belief and feel confident that these policies will give our employees a critically important tool that will help them deal successfully with the day-to-day challenges they face. We feel, also, that your approval of these policies will be an important part of your legacy as Director of the National Park Service.

We hereby recommend the 2006 National Park Service Management Policies:

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I hereby approve the 2006 National Park Service Management Policies:

Fran P. Mainella, Director

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